

## House Resolution No. 1608

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding group of young women who have enjoyed considerable success through steadfast commitment to the highest standards of excellence in athletics; and

**Whereas**, the Drury University Ladies Basketball Team distinguished itself by taking Second Place in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division 2 National Basketball Championship held March 27, 2004; and

**Whereas**, the talented Lady Panthers played a hard-fought game against the team from California, Pennsylvania, during the National Championship held at the Civic Arena in St. Joseph, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, the Drury Lady Panthers worked hard to dazzle their many fans during their remarkable 2003-2004 season, which they finished with an impressive overall record of 36-2; and

**Whereas**, the Lady Panthers could not have attained such phenomenal success this season without the exemplary leadership provided by Head Coach Nyla Milleson and Assistant Coach Trish Marsh, both of whom have instilled within each of their talented players the desire to realize their full potential; and

**Whereas**, special words of commendation go out to those individuals who have dedicated themselves to the success of the Lady Panthers: Carly Deer, Graduate Assistant; Keith Garnett, Head Athletic Trainer; Erin Roseberry, Assistant Athletic Trainer; Kathleen Helsper, Student Manager; and Callie Newton, Student Assistant Coach; and

**Whereas**, few college students possess the athletic prowess of Lady Panthers Sara Stratton, Hope Hunt, Allison Regier, Bethany Creed, Kara Rutledge, Katie Ekedahl, Magen Brunson, Jill Curry, Katie Bunge, Lauren Holtkamp, Amanda Newton, and Amy Belew:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the members and coaches of the 2003-2004 Drury University Ladies Basketball Team for taking Second Place in the NCAA Division 2 National Basketball Championship, and further extend to them our very best wishes for continued success in all their future competitions; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Drury University in Springfield, Missouri, and for the coaches and members of the Ladies Basketball Team.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative James Viebrock  
District No. 134

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1608, adopted April 8, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker